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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: EXECUTIVE COUNCIL STATEMENT ON LOW-GRAHAM VISIT

THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ON
JUNE 2 WAS PROVIDED BY THE RHODESIAN DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN
PRETORIA.

BEGIN QUOTE
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, REV THE HON N. SITHOLE,
ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT A REQUEST HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE BRITISH
AND AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS FOR A VISIT TO SALISBURY OF THEIR
ENVOYS CMA MR JOHN GRAHAM AND MR. STEVEN LOW CMA FOR THE PURPOSE
OF EXPLORING FURTHER THE POSSIBILITIES OF CONVENING AN ALL PARTY
CONFERENCE ON THE RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT ISSUE.

AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF THIS REQUEST THE EXECUTIVE
COUNCIL HAS AGREED THAT THE TWO ENVOYS MAY VISIT SALISBURY IN
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ORDER TO EXPLAIN THEIR PLANS TO THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT
STOP THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WISHES TO EMPHASISE THAT ITS DECISION
REGARDING THIS VISIT DOES NOT ALTER IN THE SLIGHTEST THE
POSITION TAKEN BY THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT AT THE MEETINGS
HELD WITH DR OWEN MR VANCE AND MR YOUNG AND THEIR ADVISERS
IN SALISBURY ON 17TH APRIL 1978 WHICH WAS CONFIRMED IN THE
SUBSEQUENT MESSAGE OF 25TH APRIL 1978 ADDRESSED TO BOTH THE

BRITISH AND AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS STOP INDEED THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TAKES THE OPPORTUNITY TO REAFFIRM THAT THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT REMAINS UNITED IN ITS DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SALISBURY AGREEMENT AND TO LEAD THE COUNTRY TO INDEPENDENCE BY 31ST DECEMBER 1978.

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ALSO WISHES TO MAKE CLEAR THAT THE VISIT WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS WILL BE BETWEEN THE TWO ENVOYS AND THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT STOP NO OFFICIAL COGNISANCE WILL BE TAKEN OF ANY DISCUSSIONS THEY MAY HAVE WITH INDIVIDUAL PARTIES.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE TWO ENVOYS WILL ARRIVE ON 5TH JUNE AND THAT THEY WILL BE STAYING FOR ONE OR TWO WEEKS.

END QUOTE
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